

The proposed June 2nd FCC deregulation will allow one company to own all the news media in a given market. This endowment of a new species of media giant will severely compromise the constitutionally guaranteed freedom of speech, and right to dissent inherent in the birthright of our nation. It will empower a single corporation to control the spin as well as the dissemination of all information.

The current media has not broadcast this proposed June 2nd deregulation act. Most Americans are unaware of the pending changes. Not only unaware of, but denied the necessary time to weigh the issues. Does due process apply here at all? Obviously there has already been enough serious erosion within our democracy to allow the FCC to proceed in such a cavalier way.

If we lose public television, public radio, and all those various little media stations and fall under one umbrella, we will have to rename our media source "Pravda." Diversity, truth, and especially dissent will die.

An example for you: If you use AOL and you type in the search string POW + Afghanistan +Cuba AOL yields NO hits!! Despite the fact that the BBC has referred to the prisoners in Cuba as POW's in numerous articles, and that all other servers provide lots of hits, AOL will not allow access to articles on the internet about the detainees in Guantanamo Bay unless they are labeled "detainees". One must adhere to the "party line" to get any information about the POW's in Cuba if one is using AOL as their ISP. The deregulation act would allow for the possible limitation of information to such an extent and to purposes unimagined by a society that takes its freedom for granted.

Thank you for reading my letter. I trust you will understand my concern. The world we leave for our children must not be devoid of the ever moving, ever changing ephemeral thing that we call truth.

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